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SUBJECT: MISSING AERO COMMANDER AIRCRAFT N-629-C

REF: A. STATE 151290 B. MEXICO 5588 C. MEXICO 5580

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST

1. IDENTIFICATION OF REMAINS NOT EXPECTED SOON VIEW LOCATION OF CRASH WHICH POSES SERIOUS PROBLEM IN RECOVERING REMAINS OF VICTIMS. CRASH SITE IS IN REMOTE INACCESSIBLE ISOLATED AREA OF SIERRA MADRE AT ALTITUDE OF OVER 6,000 FT. WHEREABOUTS OF PERSONS WHO LOCATED CRASH IS PRESENTLY UNKNOWN AND AUTHORITIES UNWILLING CONTINUE SEARCH WITHOUT THEIR HELP IN POINTING OUT AREA WHERE CRASH WAS FOUND.

2. EMBASSY WILL SOLICIT ASSISTANCE OF MILITARY AND ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE TO RECOVER AND IDENTIFY REMAINS. HOWEVER, THIS MOST PROBABLY WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. EMBASSY APPRECIATES FORWARDING OF DENTAL INFORMATION ON FRITTS. TERESI FAMILY HAS BEEN CONTACTED AND WILL FORWARD SON'S DENTAL DATA. FAMILIES SHOULD BE ASKED TO HAVE PATIENCE AND AWAIT RESULTS OF RECOVERY AND FULL INVESTIGATION.

3. CHECK WITH FAA REGIONAL OFFICE IN FORT WORTH REVEALS AERO-COMMANDER N-629-C REGISTRATION CHANGED ON JULY 23, 1973, ONE MONTH AFTER AIRCRAFT REPORTED MISSING. NEW OWNER IS LAWRENCE GRIPPO,
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WESTERN AIRLINES PILOT RESIDING IN LOS ANGELES. TELCON WITH HIM

REVEALS HE CONSUMMATED PURCHASE ONE WEEK BEFORE FATAL FLIGHT, BUT
TOOK ONE MONTH FOR REGISTRATION TO BE RECORDED. NEVERTHELESS, IN
VIEW PASSENGER (TERESI) USED ALIAS AND CERTAIN OTHER DISCREPAN-
CIES, FAA REGIONAL OFFICE IN FORT WORTH IS RECOMMENDING FULL
INVESTIGATION OWNERSHIP AND USE OF AIRCRAFT BY SECURITY AND
INVESTIGATIONS SECTION OF FAA. SITUATION FURTHER CLOUDED BY FACT
CRASH SITE IN AREA LONG RECOGNIZED TO BE CENTER FOR DRUG
ACTIVITIES.
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